

## Louisiana

### 1. Lead paint poisoning prevention and control act

La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 40:1299:26 to 40:1299:28 (1992 & West Supp. 1998).

This act originally established a comprehensive lead poisoning control program, but was repealed in 1989. The act currently encompasses the sale and use of lead-based paint, the removal or repainting of such surfaces, and the enforcement of such provisions. Specifically the act:

- prohibits to sale or use of lead-based paint on any interior surfaces, exterior surfaces accessible to children under 6 years, toys or other articles used by children, furniture and fixtures readily chewable by children, and cooking, eating and drinking utensils;
- requires warning labels in packages containing lead-based paint;
- defines lead-based paint as paint containing lead in excess of the amount allowed by the federal government;
- requires owners to remove or cover paint, plaster, or other accessible materials containing dangerous levels of lead if a child under 6 years or a mentally retarded person resides at the premises;
- provides for enforcement of these provisions.

### 1. Lead Hazard Reduction, Licensure and Certification

La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 30:2351-2351.59 (West Supp. 1998).

This law provides for lead hazard reduction. Included in the bill are licensure and certification requirements for lead abatement and inspection professionals, abatement provisions, disposal requirements, authority to promulgate regulations relating to lead hazard reduction, and funding for such programs.

This law authorizes the Department of Health and Hospitals to establish a statewide program for the prevention and treatment of lead poisoning; creates responsibilities for the state health director to address lead poisoning.